

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Louis Caldera, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, and Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Caldera was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Mr. Jones was introduced by Senators Mack, Graham, and Cochran, and Representative Foley.

PARENTAL ADVISORY LABELS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the effectiveness of advisory labels to inform consumers and parents of violent, racist, or sexual music content, receiving testimony from Charlie Gilreath, *Entertainment Monitor*, Los Angeles, California; Debbie Pelley, Westside Middle School, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Krist Novoselic, Joint Artists and Music Promotions Action Committee, Seattle, Washington; George Gerbner, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Barbara P. Wyatt, Parents' Music Resource Center, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ENERGY AND WATER PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on the following bills:

H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa, H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 9248 in the State of Colorado, and H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky, after receiving testimony from Kristina Nygaard, Assistant General Counsel, Hydroelectric Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

S. 2087, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent

to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District in Arizona, after receiving testimony from William J. Snape, III, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.; and Wade Noble, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, Yuma, Arizona;

S. 2142, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, after receiving testimony from Steve Pargin, Pine River Irrigation District, Bayfield, Colorado;

S. 2140, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project, after receiving testimony from Mary Hoddinott, Denver Water Board, Denver, Colorado; and

S. 2041, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water, after receiving testimony from Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, on behalf of the City of Salem, Oregon.

Testimony was also received on S. 2087, S. 2142, S. 2140, S. 2041 (all listed above), and S. 1398, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine United States interests in the Panama Canal, focusing on the transition from U.S. to Panamanian operation of the Canal pursuant to the Carter-Torrijos treaties ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1978, receiving testimony from Representative Barr; Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN (Ret.), former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Mark Falcoff, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Robert A. Pastor, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Carter Center.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, William Davis Clarke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea,

Vivian Lowery Derryck, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Africa, Agency for International Development, George Williford Boyce Haley, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia, Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Charles Richard Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Paul L. Cejas, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Belgium, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Nancy Halliday Ely-Raphel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Rudolf Vilem Perina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Edward L. Romero, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Spain and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Cynthia Perrin Schneider, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia, after the nominees testified

and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Derryck was introduced by Senator Glenn and Representative Payne, Mr. Haley was introduced by Senators Cochran and Roberts, Mr. Stith was introduced by Senators Kennedy and Kerry, Mr. Cejas was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, and Mr. Romero was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

MERGERS AND CORPORATE CONSOLIDATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the economic trends, size, scope and consequences associated with the current merger wave that is affecting a wide range of industries in the American economy, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4057–4058, 4061–4068; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 122, and H. Res. 473–474, were introduced. **Page H4628**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–578)

H. Res. 471, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts (H. Rept. 105–579);

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of H.R. 3097, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (H. Rept. 105–580);

H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–581); and

H. Res. 463, to establish a select committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, amended (H. Rept. 105–582). **Page H4628**

Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Radanovich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4569**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H4575**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar the House passed H.R. 375, amended, for the relief of Margarito Domantay; and H.R. 1949, amended, for the relief of Nuratu Olarewaju Abeke Kadiri. **Page H4576**

Presidential Message—Chemical Weapons: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning cost-sharing arrangements with respect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H4577**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: